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SOURCE: Tokyo, Japan.

IMPORTANCE: Not previously reported.

DESCRIPTION: Two samples of this item were obtained and they are identically constructed except for the color and material used in the parachutes. The containers are constructed of compressed fibre-board with wooden ends. The outside dimensions are 30 1/4" x 10" x 7 1/2" and the inside dimensions are 26 3/4" x 9 3/4" x 7". Rivets are used in holding the containers together.

One end of the container is heavily padded to direct the position of fall and to cushion the shock of landing. Four metal rings to which the shroud lines of the parachute are attached are riveted to the opposite end. A metal strap with buckle which is riveted about the approximate center of the container keeps the container closed and adds to its strength.

On the side opposite the buckle are a steel clevis and a pair of wooden skids running the length of the container; the clevis being used to clamp the container to the airplane and the skids to prevent the container from swinging while in flight.

The chutes used with the containers are 188" in diameter. One chute is cotton with green and white panels and the other is solid white silk.

COMMENT: The different colors of the chutes and of the containers makes it seem probable that these containers were part of a set and held various classes of medical supplies which could be identified rapidly.

The apparent light and inexpensive construction of the containers would indicate that they were expendable.

Photographs: Fig. 1 - Container, air drop, intact.
Fig. 2 - Container, air drop, open.



Fig. 1 - Container, air drop, intact.



Fig. 2 - Container, air drop, open.